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International Women's Day — what is it, why do we have it, and who cares?

Imagine a world without modern medicine, technology, access to education or even clean drinking water. Every advancement in human history has been made because someone recognized the need to do something better.

International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate a lot of those advancements — contributions by women who have made, and continue to make life better for people all around the world.

U.S. Africa Command celebrated International Women's Day March 10 at the Kelley Theater on Kelley Barracks.

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Steven Hummer, AFRICOM deputy to the commander for Military Operations, provided opening comments and noted that education was key for helping women to achieve equality. Quoting

Brigham Young, Hummer said, "You know the saying, 'You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation.'"

International Women's Day, established by the United Nations in 1975, is celebrated annually on March 8 as "a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women," according to the WomenWatch website, an initiative of the U.N.'s Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender. The theme for 2014 is "Equality for women is progress for all."

The AFRICOM event was anything but routine. Those in attendance were treated to a program of inspiring personal stories of triumph, musical performances and a mini-film festival that entertained as well as educated the audience about the contributions of



Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Tracy Garrett, AFRICOM special assistant to the commander, delivers closing remarks for the command's International Women's Day event March 10.

director for Programs. The group conducted a contest and invited the local military and civilian community to submit essays describing a woman who had either inspired them, helped raise awareness of, or helped advance women's issues.

Each of the three winning essayists read their submissions. Army Col. Melvin Jones, AFRICOM assistant chief of staff (Reserves), wrote an essay about his daughter, LaTrisha, and how she has inspired him by working hard against the odds to achieve excellence, and how she now inspires others to be the best they can be.

"She blossomed in the JROTC program as she went from being afraid to ask questions to becoming a company commander and the command sergeant major. Under her tenure, the Ansbach JROTC program numbers skyrocketed to over 70 percent of the school population with many of the younger cadets wanting to become the next LaTrisha," wrote Jones.

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women, some well known, other less so, who at great risk braved the status quo to serve as agents of change for a better world.

The event was sponsored and produced by AFRICOM's Women, Peace, and Security Working Group lead by Dr. Barbara Sotirin, J5 deputy

Daughtry plays impromptu concert for Stuttgart military community

Story & photos by Greg Jones

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Three members of the popular American rock band, Daughtry, played a special performance at the Patch Community Club for Stuttgart community members March 17.

Lead singer Chris Daughtry, guitarist Brian Craddock and keyboardist Elvio Fernandez played a small, mostly acoustic set before an audience of service members, civilians and their families, as well as a group of students from the Patch High School music program.

The performance came on a day off from Daughtry's European tour. The band, having played in Prague the evening prior, was scheduled to play in Böblingen the following evening. Yet they were able to carve out some time to perform for U.S. service members, whom Daughtry said were the "real Supermen," a reference to the band's latest hit single, "Waiting for Superman."

"It's supposed to be our day off, but we wanted to come do something for all of you who do so much for us," Chris Daughtry said. "What the troops do for our country, it's the least we can do to put a smile on their face."



Chris Daughtry, lead singer and rhythm guitarist for the band Daughtry, performs a special show for service members, civilians and their families at the Patch Community Club March 17. The performance was an impromptu concert the band gave on their day off between two European tour concert dates.

Chris Daughtry placed fourth in the fifth season of "American Idol" in 2006, earning him a recording contract from RCA Records. He then formed a band that took his last name and recorded four albums. The

band's self-titled debut album went 4X platinum in 2008, and the band has been touring steadily since then.

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Distance can't break mother's bond

Commentary by Tech. Sgt. Colleen Urban
380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Deployments are different after you have a kid. I just never realized how different deployments would be once I became a parent.

This deployment I am a mother. Sometimes I wonder how a mother could leave her 1-year-old baby like I have done, as if I am abandoning my child in some way. Then, I remember the reason why I do it.

It's not just for me anymore, but for my son. I get through the separation by remaining focused on why I am here.

It all began when I sat at my desk, nine months pregnant, reading the email informing me I would deploy in a year. I hadn't even had my child yet and already had to think about leaving him. On top of that, my husband was deploying at the same time.

How was I going to do this? How would I be able to handle leaving my new baby boy? How would I physically be able to get on a plane and not look back? More importantly, I asked myself how was I going to ask someone else to care for him.

I didn't have a choice. I had a duty and obligation I was not backing out of.

Even knowing a year in advance could not prepare me for the emotions I would go through during this deployment. I was just getting the hang of being a mom, and I felt as if I would have to start over.

When I saw my son during one of our video calls, he held his arms out as if I was just going to scoop him up. As my son reached for me through

the screen of the tablet, whining for me with desperation in his voice, I did everything I could to fight back my tears, but it was no match for the feeling of helplessness that overcame me.

The helpless feeling comes from not being there. I can't scold him when he does something wrong, and I can't teach him how to do something right. I can't make him feel better when he is sick or put him to bed at night. Most of all, I can't hold him, hug him or kiss him; all I can do is keep loving him from 8,000 miles away.

I have watched my son learn to talk, express his emotions and throw a ball all through a small handheld screen. And, in that tiny box in the top corner, I have watched myself grow.

As each day goes by, it never gets easier, but I get stronger.

The bond that I have with my son is not broken from this deployment. Our bond is greater than ever and it will only help me to cherish the moments I do have with him and help me to become the parent I want to be.

My son won't remember this time, but I will. As long as I am in the Air Force, it is something I could face again. Many parents also face this every day.

So when you look back upon these days, don't think about what you missed, think about what you gained and what lessons you will be able to pass on to your child. Your strength and determination will make your kid proud to call you mom or dad. That reason is enough to keep me going.

Whatever your reason is, keep doing it, because you are doing something greater for yourself and the future of your child.

USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office

Seasonal Worship Services

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<p>April 9, Lenten Penitential Service 5 p.m., Patch Chapel</p> <p>April 17, Holy Thursday & Adoration Mass 7 p.m., Patch Chapel</p> <p>April 18, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3 p.m., Patch Chapel</p> <p>April 18, Good Friday Liturgy 6 p.m., Patch Chapel</p> <p>April 19, Easter Vigil 8 p.m., Panzer Chapel</p> <p>April 20, Easter Sunday Mass • 9 a.m., Patch Chapel • Noon, Robinson Barracks Chapel • 5 p.m., Patch Chapel</p>	<p>April 13, Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m., Panzer Chapel</p> <p>April 17, Maundy Thursday & Communion 6 p.m., Panzer Chapel</p> <p>April 18, Good Friday 6 p.m., Panzer Chapel</p> <p>April 20, Easter Sunday • 8:30 a.m., Liturgical service, Panzer Chapel • 9 a.m., Protestant service, Robinson Barracks Chapel • 10:30 a.m., Contemporary service, Panzer Chapel • 11 a.m., Protestant service, Patch Chapel • 12:30 p.m., Gospel service, Panzer Chapel • 12:45 p.m., COGIC service, Patch Chapel</p>
<p>Jewish</p> <p>April 15, Passover, 2nd Seder 6 p.m., Patch Religious Education Center</p>	
<p>Community Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (Catholic and Protestant combined service) April 20, 7 a.m. Panzer Chapel Complimentary pancake breakfast follows; all are invited.</p>	
<p>USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office 431-3079/civ. 07031-15-3079</p>	



Lt. Col. Sherri Reed, American Forces Network Europe commander (from left); Felix Saka, who worked at AFN Stuttgart from 1990 to 2011; Sgt. Reed Knutson, AFN Stuttgart; and Col. John P. Stack, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart commander, cut the ribbon at the grand opening of AFN Stuttgart's new facilities on Robinson Barracks March 25.

AFN grand opening marks historic return

Story & photos by Greg Jones
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

American Forces Network Stuttgart held a grand opening ceremony March 25 to commemorate the opening of its new facilities on Robinson Barracks.

The station began broadcasting from its new studios in Building 209 on Feb. 21.

The 12,000 square foot facility, formerly used for bachelor officers' quarters, now features state-of-the-art television and radio studios, and production facilities.

"We have the tools and resources at hand to do the very best we can," said Lance Milsted, the station manager.

Attendees of the grand opening were treated to cake and refreshments, a tour of the new facilities and got to watch a live radio broadcast.

The ceremony marked the end of a long journey for the station that really has come back home to its roots, according to Milsted.

The station started out as AFN Stuttgart March 17, 1948, originally broadcasting from atop the Graf Zeppelin Hotel in downtown Stuttgart.

It moved to the American Elementary School on Robinson Barracks in March 1959 and remained there for more than 30 years.

Post Cold-War changes and the subsequent drawdown in the '90s led the station to relocate to Hammond Barracks in the Mannheim-Seckenheim district in April 1993. Re-flagged as AFN Heidelberg, the station continued to serve the Stuttgart community in addition to Mannheim, Heidelberg and Karlsruhe.

Transformation actions in U.S. Army Europe prompted the station to move again in September 2009 to a temporary location on Coleman Barracks, where it broadcast out of a mobile broadcasting facility for the first several months. In 2012, the station was again re-flagged to its original moniker, AFN Stuttgart, and began the move to Stuttgart.

By August 2013, the entire station had relocated to Stuttgart and operated out of temporary facilities

on Panzer Kaserne while Building 209 was under renovation. "A staff of as many as 10 Soldiers and civilians shared space in three rooms on the third floor of Building 2949 — the garrison headquarters," Milsted told the audience.

While conditions were cramped, they did not cramp the broadcasters' desire to maintain the station's standards.

"We have a history that is filled with team members who have set the bar high, who have set a standard of excellence ... you will see that we have continued that tradition of excellence ... and we'll do it because it's our duty ... to serve you, our community, our friends," Milsted said.

AFN Stuttgart's "The Eagle," (FM 102.3) broadcasts live radio Monday through Friday from 6 to 10 a.m., again from 2 to 6 p.m. with plans for a mid-day show in the coming weeks.



Alani Hudson, 4, exchanges an excited thumbs-up with the American Forces Network Eagle mascot during the grand opening of AFN Stuttgart's new facilities on Robinson Barracks March 25.

News & Notes

Filing taxes while overseas

While the federal tax filing deadline is April 15, those with overseas duty posts have an automatic two-month extension until June 15 to file and pay any amount due without requesting an extension. However, if you owe money the IRS may charge interest on amounts outstanding after April 15.

If you need an additional extension, you must file a Form 4868, which may allow a person to extend until Oct. 15. If tax is owed, it must be paid or interest and penalties may be assessed.

Those who deployed last tax year have an extension of at least 180 days after leaving the combat zone. If this extension is needed, visit the Stuttgart Tax Center, Building 3312, Kelley Barracks.

Officials at the Stuttgart Tax Center recommend to avoid filing for an extension, if at all possible. "Get that refund to pay off high-interest credit cards, take a vacation or if you have a tax liability, take care of it now," said Capt. Austen Swaim, the officer in charge of the Tax Center.

The Stuttgart Tax Center will be open until June 9. Appointments can be made by calling 421-4588/civ. 0711-729-4588.

Help is only a call away

The Military and Family Life Consultant program provides licensed professional mental health counselors who provide free, non-medical, solution-focused counseling to military personnel, their families and Defense Department civilians.

MFLCs augment existing family and individual support services, and assist people in exploring alternate solutions to current daily life stressors, for up to 12 sessions.

Anything shared with an MFLC is private and confidential (there are no records kept), unless someone tells an MFLC they want to hurt themselves or others, to include domestic violence, sexual assault or child or elderly abuse. MFLCs are required to report any "Duty to Warn" situation.

Units, agencies and Family Readiness Groups can request an MFLC attend their meetings, or give workshops on anger management, communication, diversity and tolerance, or similar presentations.

To contact a consultant, call the appropriate civilian phone number:

- **Stuttgart military community:** 0160-9574-8279 or 0170-708-0715 or 0171-965-9611;
- **U.S. Africa Command:** 0152-2248-3789;
- **Special Operations Command Europe:** 0152-2649-2979;
- **Children and teens:** 0152-0265-8259 or 0150-499-5260;
- **RB Elementary/Middle School:** 0174-7454-7085 or 0174-454-6790;
- **Böblingen Elementary/Middle School:** 0162-751-0714 or 0174-655-1743;
- **Patch Elementary School:** 0174-454-6906.

Women's Day

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Simone Rivers, a member of the Stuttgart community who also gave a dramatic reading of Sojourner Truth's famous speech, "Ain't I a Woman," wrote in her essay that she was inspired by women working together. Comparing women to quilting squares, she wrote, "Alone they do very little covering, but together, with other pieces, we create a beautiful tapestry of warmth and covering for the world."

Raising awareness about women warriors was the subject of the essay written by AFRICOM Air Force Maj. Tamara Schoon. She talked about increasing the visibility of wounded

women veterans to that of men.

"When our fellow citizens see a man with a missing limb, they may assume he was a veteran and be inclined to ask what happened. On the other hand, when a woman has an injury, most people would never assume or ask if they were a veteran and just assume it was a car accident or anything other than combat. I'd like to change that," wrote Schoon.

After the program, Schoon added that she'd like to one day see March 28 declared as World Women Veteran's Day because in the U.S., March is already recognized as Women's History Month. But with International Women's Day also in March, she'd like to see women veterans from countries around the globe

honored for their contributions to their own militaries.

Poetry was also part of the program, with Army Lt. Col. Erick Young, AFRICOM assistant inspector general, reading a poem by J.D. Harper called "Let's Help as We Pass By" in honor of his mother.

Reflections on International Women's Day and how this day has made an impact on U.S. Africa Command were offered by Dr. Liza Briggs, a social scientist with AFRICOM's Social Science Research Branch, who said, "We all have a perspective on gender, and issues that affect gender are really human issues. In the last two years, here at U.S. Africa Command, I've seen 'gender issues'

developed included as scenarios as part of the exercises we help conduct."

Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Tracey Garrett, AFRICOM special assistant to the commander, closed the program, saying, "There are over a thousand personnel assigned to our headquarters here, and only about 100 people were able to attend this celebration today. But it's important to remember that many advances we've seen in improved quality of life for people around the world were made because just a few brave women took a stand to make a difference. As I read recently in a book by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, women hold up 'half the sky.' We have an opportunity to be part of that mission."

Daughtry

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Before the impromptu performance, which included "Waiting for Superman," the band took a few moments to answer questions from the high school students. When asked his biggest inspiration by the students, Chris Daughtry's answer came quickly.

"My family," he said. "That's what keeps me going. Being on the road a lot, we are separated from our families, but it also helps keep us grounded."

The performance was well-received by the service members, who packed into the community club for the lunchtime performance that lasted about a half an hour.

"It was amazing," said Staff Sgt. Paul Smith, with U.S. European Command Headquarters. "I had my reservations about acoustic Daughtry but it was great, and it was really good to hear him



Staff Sgt. Paul Smith shakes hands with Chris Daughtry, lead singer of the band Daughtry, during an autograph signing after the special concert in the Patch Community Club March 17.



Members of the band Daughtry signed autographs after their impromptu concert for service members, civilians and their families March 17 in the Patch Community Club.

do this for the troops on his day off."

Performing for military audiences like this is always a rewarding experience, according to Daughtry, who has performed on military bases in the past.

"The gratitude [is] just incredible," he said. "It's amazing to see how much it is appreciated. It makes us feel like we are helping in some way."

In addition to the special performance on Patch, the band also provided the United Services Organization 210 tickets to the show in Böblingen and 10 VIP tickets that included backstage access and a photo with the band. These were given out to service members and families through the USO and the American Forces Network Stuttgart.

Daughtry will continue their European tour, and have already planned a summer tour starting in June with the Goo Goo Dolls.

Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office will sponsor Vacation Bible School July 28 through Aug. 1 at the Patch Elementary School. Volunteers are needed to make VBS a success. The RSO seeks adults, and students who have completed at least sixth grade to share their talents and time.

Because background checks are required and take time, those interested in joining the VBS team should contact the RSO now. Completed packets must be submitted by May 28.

Packets are available at all chapel offices, and the Religious Ed Center, Building 2332, Patch Barracks.

For more information, email patchvbs@gmail.com.

Volunteers wanted for ethnic observances

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers to organize activities and events for Asian American and Pacific Islander Month in May.

Interested participants are invited to attend the planning meetings held every Tuesday at the Patch Barracks Chapel from 1-3 p.m.

For more information, contact the Military Equal Opportunity Advisor at 430-7945 or civ. 0162-297-5922, or email juan.c.adorno.mil@mail.mil.

Imagination Movers at Patch Forum April 9

Navy Entertainment and Armed Forces Entertainment present the Disney Imagination Movers April 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the Patch High School Forum.

The Imagination Movers — Rich Collins, Scott Durbin, Dave Poche and Scott “Smitty” Smith — are a high energy, child and family-

friendly rock group dedicated to promoting the benefits of fitness and education.

Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. All seating is first come, first serve. The concert is free and open to ID cardholders only.

For more information, call 430-2110/civ. 0711-680-2110.

Sex Signals SHARP training

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program will sponsor Sex Signals, a 75-minute two-person play, as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sex Signals distinguishes itself by mixing improvisation, humor, education and audience interaction to provide a provocative look at dating violence and sexual assault.

Performances will be held April 15 at the Patch Community Club from 2-3:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.; at the Kelley Fitness Center April 16 from 9-10:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.; and again at the Patch Community Club April 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.

These performances are open to all service members, civilian employees and their family members. Because the performance contains adult language, those under 17 years of age will require the presence of a parent or guardian.

For more information, call 431-3656/civ. 07031-15-3656.

Official mail class offered April 11

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will conduct a class on official mail procedures April 11 from 9-11 a.m. in the Digital Training Facility, Room 1, Building 2931, Panzer Kaserne. The class will cover official mail regulations and handling procedures.

Newly appointed official mail managers, their alternates and official

mail clerks should attend this class.

To sign up, or for more information, call 421-2520/civ. 0711-729-2520.

Looking for a job?

Want make a positive difference in the life of a children and youth in the Stuttgart community? Child, Youth and School Services is recruiting for child and youth program assistants.

These nonappropriated Fund positions are open to all qualified candidates eligible for appointment under U.S. employment conditions.

Visit the USA Jobs to view online vacancies at www.usajobs.gov.

Get ready for school registration

Stuttgart Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe will hold registration for the 2014-2015 school year at the Panzer Exchange April 22-24.

Parents and sponsors can register students on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last packet to be handed out at 4:30 p.m. On April 23-24, registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The last packet will be given out at 3 p.m.

To register their children, sponsors should bring copies of orders (and extensions to orders, if applicable), birth certificates, updated emergency contact information and immunization records.

To help school officials determine the school zone, sponsors should also bring the physical address of their residence, housing contract or the assignment to housing letter, and bus registration, if applicable.

For more information, contact the School Liaison Office at 430-7465/ civ. 0711-680-7465.

Send your announcements to editorial@stuttgartcitizen.com.

Recycle your cell phone. It's an easy call

Many of us throw away old cell phones, even though they are still functional. Cell phones contain precious and non-ferrous metals, as well as detrimental elements, chemicals and contaminants. One ton of old cell phones can yield approximately 280 grams of gold, 140 grams of platinum and palladium, and 63 kilograms of copper. Recycling just a million cell phones reduces greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking 1,368 cars off the road for a year.

Cell phones should not be thrown away in a regular trash

container.

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works operates collection points for expired and unusable hazardous wastes on all garrison installations. Old cell phones can also be disposed of in drop boxes at these sites.

Drop off points are at Patch Barracks, Building 2316; Kelley Barracks, Building 3371; Panzer Kaserne, Building 2958; and Robinson Barracks, Building 139.



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Environmental Division

Eye safety tips for spring activities

U.S. Army Garrison Safety Office

Eye injuries can damage vision and even cause blindness, but most can be prevented.

As the weather warms up, it is important to remember that with many outdoors activities such as lawn maintenance and gardening, there is an increased risk of eye injuries.

The use of mowers, hedge clippers and chemicals, such as fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, can be hazardous.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports there are more than 2.5 million eye injuries each year in the U.S.

This is why it's so important to follow all manufacturers' instructions for using tools and chemicals safely. Always wear personal protective equipment such as safety glasses or goggles to protect from flying debris and chemicals that can blow or splash into the eyes. Prescription glasses simply do not provide the needed protection.

Also, wearing sunglasses that provide 100 percent ultraviolet protection and a wide-brimmed hat can help protect the eyes from sun damage.

Lastly, should you suffer an eye injury, seek treatment for the injury from an optometrist immediately and follow his or her treatment instructions.

Enjoying budding flowers and plants is one of the most pleasant aspects of spring, but only if you have your vision to see them.



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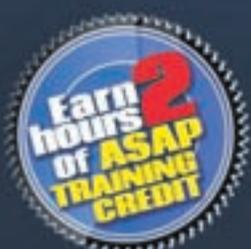
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Dental clinic treats military retirees to say thanks

Vincent Holman, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, relaxes while Pfc. Deshawn Pettway (right), a dental specialist with the Stuttgart Dental Clinic, uses a saliva ejector as Spc. Zacary Cornish, assigned to the Katterbach Dental Clinic in U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, adjusts a sonic scaler during the Stuttgart Dental Clinic's Retiree Day March 22. Clinic dentists, dental specialists and hygienists volunteered to work on a Saturday in order to perform 80 free cleanings and oral cancer screenings on retired service members and their spouses.

S.J. Grady

Skaters, skateboarders, cyclists: heed this

Army in Europe Regulation 190-1 requires skaters, skateboarders and kick-scooter riders to wear approved helmets, kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards and light-colored clothing or reflective accessories. Bicyclists must wear approved helmets and obey traffic laws.

Bicyclists, skaters, skateboarders and kick-scooter riders may not use cell phones or wear listening devices that impede hearing.

For more information, visit the Installation Management Command Europe website at www.imcom-europe.army.mil and click on the Safety link.

Quick oil changes

Speedy Lube on Panzer Kaserne offers oil changes while you wait. Oil and filters are available; how-

ever, patrons may also provide their own. No appointment is necessary, Speedy Lube is located with the Automotive Skills Center, Building 2926.

For more information, call 431-2555/civ. 07031-15-2555.

Due to PCS soon?

For those who plan to relocate to a new duty station in the next several months, permanent change of station/preseparation briefings are scheduled for April 16, May 7 and 21, June 18 and July 16 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne.

All service members and civilians departing within the next four to five months should attend. Information will be provided from agencies such as transportation, customs, health and dental clinic, Tricare, vehicle registration, housing and Army Community

Service. Army personnel will also receive a briefing on finance issues. All separating Army personnel must attend this briefing to receive preseparation information. Advance registration is required.

For more information and to sign up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-2599.

SCSC hosts 'Crystal Bling-o' April 22

The Stuttgart Community Spouses Club will host an evening of bingo with crystal as prizes April 22 at 5 p.m. at the Patch Community Club.

Cocktail attire is recommended, and reservations are required.

For more information visit <http://stuttgartspousesclub.org> or contact Katie Whitehurst at scsc.specialevent@gmail.com.

Housing Office hours

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Housing Office has new business hours.

The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Patch High School French students put language skills to the test

Story & photo by Lexi Pache
Special to The Citizen

Eight Patch High School French language students visited France March 15-16 on a cultural field trip.

In past years, French students could usually count on a field trip to Paris.

This year, teacher Chris Liles, in his first year of teaching French at PHS, continued the tradition of organizing a trip to France, but the destination was Strasbourg and Colmar, two of the country's most historic and scenic cities.

Liles was hesitant about taking students on a trip and keeping track of them. "This is the first student trip I've ever taken. I was a little nervous about it, but I love France, and I've been to both cities before," he said.

But with the help of three fellow teachers who served as chaperones, the weekend went off smoothly.

"It was a wonderful experience because everybody was not only on target with times and places, and behaving beautifully, it was great to be in those beautiful places with the students," he added. "It was great to be able to say 'OK, let's do our thing and meet back here,' and everybody did."

On Saturday, students got to experience the Strasbourg Cathedral up close; touring the cathedral and climbing over 300 steps to the top of the bell tower to look out over the city. They also walked through the town; visited the Musee Alsacien, and used public transportation to travel to a local movie theater to watch a film.

On Sunday, the students traveled to Colmar, where they took a boat tour along a canal and learned from the guide that years ago, the color of the buildings represented the occupants' professions. For example, butchers lived in red buildings and bakers lived in yellow buildings. Today, regardless of the tenant, the traditional colors of the buildings are maintained.

The trip merged students from all levels of French classes to practice their communication skills among local French nationals and indulge in the food, culture and architecture first hand.

"I thought it was a great cultural experience to travel to France. I especially enjoyed eating escargot for the first time, which was very good. I did my best to speak with the locals, but I could understand more than [I could] speak," said French III student Will Ritter.

French teacher Liles hopes to continue with these excursions. "I'd love to do this next year ... although we may look at other places in the Strasbourg and Colmar area," he said.



A guide takes PHS French class students Will Ritter and Cameron Lawrence (front row, from left), and Ashley Colon and Devin Rehwaldt (back row, from left) on a boat tour along the canals of Colmar, France.

Lexi Pache is a Patch High School French student intern who works for the U.S. Army Garrison Public Affairs Office. She is also a French student.

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Drinking alcohol: awareness, prevention make a difference

USAG Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence sponsors Alcohol Awareness Month in April to raise awareness while encouraging healthy and safe choices when it comes to the use of alcohol.

Drinking too much alcohol increases one's risk of injuries, violence, drowning, liver disease and some types of cancer.

This year, during Alcohol Awareness Month, the Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program encourages you to educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of drinking too much.

Here are some low-risk guidelines facts and tips to help you:

What is your risk level?

- 0 — Zero quantity and zero frequency, people who abstain will experience no alcohol-related problems.
- 1 — Having more than one drink in one hour increases risk for injuries and other impairment problems.
- 2 — Health problems are more common for people who average more than two drinks per day.
- 3 — Research shows that people who consume more than three drinks on any given day are more likely to experience some alcohol-related impairment or health problem.

Helpful tips

- Eat before and while drinking.
- Refrain from drinking when you are upset.
- Alternate between alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks.
- Keep track of how much you drink.
- Avoid places where people drink a lot.
- Remember the word "halt," don't drink if you are Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired.
- Before you celebrate ... designate. Identify a designated driver or use public transportation.

- Make a list of personal reasons why low-risk drinking choices are best for you and follow it.

If you are concerned about your drinking or someone else's drinking, seek help by calling the USAG Stuttgart ASAP office at 431-2530/07031-15-2530.



In the Stuttgart military community alone, there have been approximately 30 drunk driving incidents within the past 12 months.

To spread the word and prevent alcohol abuse in the community, ASAP will join with other organizations across the garrison to mark Alcohol Awareness Month. The following is a list of scheduled events where alcohol screenings will take place:

- April 11:** National Alcohol Screening Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Panzer Exchange
- April 17:** Youth Services Outreach, 3-6 p.m., The Hub, Building 2337, Patch Barracks
- April 18:** Happy Hour: Comedy with a Twist, 10 a.m. to noon, Kelley Theater; 2-4 p.m., Patch Community Club
- April 22-24:** School Registration, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Panzer Exchange
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Celebrate arrival of spring, Easter in Germany

Story & photos by Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

This year, Easter or, as Germans say, "Ostern," is celebrated April 20. During Easter, Christianity celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The festivities traditionally start with Good Friday (April 18), one of the most highly observed Christian holidays where people commemorate Jesus' crucifixion. Good Friday also marks the last day of the holy week and the end of the 40-day fasting period that started on Ash Wednesday.

In Germany, Easter is celebrated for four days: Good Friday; Easter Saturday, when Jesus was entombed; Easter Sunday, when Jesus rose from the dead and Easter Monday, a German federal holiday.

Some believe the word "Easter" refers to the direction of sunrise. Reflecting on the Christian tradition, the rising sun is a symbol for the resurrection and the homecoming of Jesus Christ.

Easter also marks the beginning of spring, a season that cherishes rebirth, renewal and growth.

Germans like to ring in spring by filling their homes with fresh flowers and other Easter decorations.

"In spring, people typically prefer tulips, daffodils and buttercups.

With the first sunrays and warmer days, most Germans spring clean their homes and feel like decorating with fresh flowers and plants," said Lena Gschwind, a florist in Esslingen.

"This year, tulips in pastel colors such as apricot, light yellow, magnolia, pistachio, mauve and light pink French tulips are mainly what people pick for their spring and Easter decorations," she added.

Other typical Easter decorations include painted eggs, hens, rabbits and chickens as well as wreaths

and nests for decorating a homes' front door or the dining table.

According to Gschwind, people also like to arrange blooming branches along with birch tree and pussy willow branches in a large floor vase and decorate the branches with hand-painted eggs.

The tradition of artfully painting eggs dates back to the ancient world. Inspirations came from Greece, Italy, Russia and Armenia. During the 13th century, the first painted Easter egg was mentioned in an official document in Germany, where it also became a symbol for fertility.

The colors of the eggs have specific meanings. For example, red symbolizes Jesus' sacrifice, yellow is enlightenment and wisdom, green means youth and innocence, and orange stands for strength, resiliency and ambition.

Painted eggs are also used throughout Germany to add grace to "Easter fountains," a tradition that originated in Franconia.

To this day, fountains in smaller towns and villages



Lena Gschwind, a florist in Esslingen, forms a small wreath from birch tree branches to craft an Easter bouquet last year. Birch tree branches are ideal to make Easter nests that can be decorated with moss, painted eggs or chocolate bunnies. Besides searching for Easter nests in the garden or in the woods, they also make a typical Easter decoration for dining tables in Germany.

are decorated with eggs, multicolored ribbons, wreaths, tulips and daffodils.

Other decorations include Easter nests that are made out of branches and moss and are typically filled with eggs, wooden bunnies or chickens, Gschwind said.

A simple way to craft an Easter nest is to take fresh and soft birch tree branches without leaves and form rings. Then place moss in the center and decorate with painted eggs, bunnies, or bulbous plants, Gschwind said.

In Germany, Easter Sunday is traditionally celebrated with close

family. Often times, the festive day starts with an Easter brunch and is followed by an Easter egg and nest hunt in the garden or out in the woods.

Much like in the U.S., many European children search for their Easter nests, which are filled with chocolate eggs and bunnies or other smaller presents and candy.

"I remember spending Easter in France with my family and searching for Easter nests after the bells rang out Easter morning in celebration of Jesus' resurrection," said Gschwind, reflecting on her childhood memories of visiting her mother's relatives in France during the holiday.

"I also remember the entire house being decorated. To this day, Easter to me means that everything is very colorful," she added.

Another tradition during Easter Sunday is to serve baked goods such as a sweet cake shaped in the form of a lamb (a symbol for the resurrection), shortbread cookies, and Easter bread and rings with almonds or sesame seeds, during breakfast or afternoon tea.

Whether you're German or American, Easter is a time for families and friends to celebrate traditions, regional customs, values and the arrival of spring and its new beginnings.



Wooden bunnies, hens or lambs are mainly used to decorate windowsills, dining tables or Easter nests in Germany. "Ostern" or Easter, is celebrated for four days: Good Friday, when Jesus was crucified; Easter Saturday, when Jesus was entombed; Easter Sunday, when Jesus rose from the dead and Easter Monday, a German federal holiday.

What's happening in FMWR

Junior golf lessons

The Child, Youth and School Services Edge program will offer indoor junior golf lessons April 17 and 24 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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For more information, call 430-7464/civ. 0711-680-7464.

Children's bowling special during April

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For more information, call 431-2575/civ. 07031-15-2575.

Fun on RB April 4

Celebrate the Month of the Military Child April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Brewed Awakenings on Robinson Barracks.

Families can enjoy bouncy castles, horse rides, Formula 1 racing, a carousel, face painting, games, activities and prizes.

For more information, call 430-7464/civ. 0711-680-7464.

Egg hunt April 19

Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host an egg hunt April 19 at 10 a.m. on Cooper Field, Kelley Barracks.

The free event includes photos with the Easter bunny and a prize table.

For more information, call Family Child Care at 430-7464/civ. 0711-680-7464.

Run, bike April 26

Sports and Fitness will sponsor a team bialthlon April 26 at 9 a.m.

Two-person teams will run a 5k race on Patch Barracks and then bike to and from Panzer Kaserne.

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The cost is \$35 per team. The event is limited to 20 teams.

For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

For more Family and MWR activities, visit their website at www.stuttgart.armymwr.com.



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Apr 4 — Noah (PG-13) 6 p.m., Sabotage (R) 2030

Apr 5 — Mr. Peabody & Sherman in 3D (PG) 4 p.m., Sabotage (R) 7 p.m.

Apr 6 — Lego Movie (PG-13) 4 p.m., Noah (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Apr 7 — Sabotage (R) 6 p.m.

Apr 8 — closed

Apr 9 — 300: Rise of an Empire (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Apr 10 — Noah (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Apr 11 — Captain America: The Winter Soldier in 3D (PG-13) 6 p.m., 12 Years a Slave (R) 9 p.m.

Apr 12 — The Lego Movie in 3D (PG) 4 p.m., Captain America: The Winter Soldier in 3D (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Apr 13 — Muppets Most Wanted (PG) 4 p.m., Captain America: The Winter Soldier in 3D (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.

Apr 14 — Divergent (PG-13) 6 p.m.

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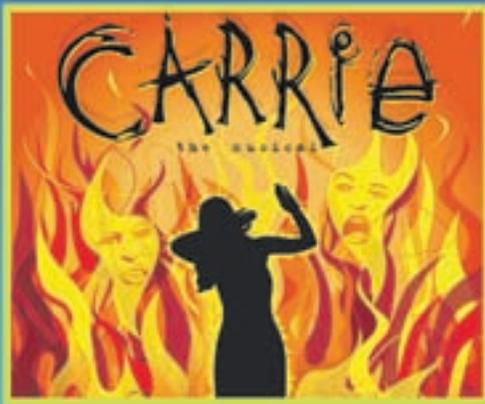
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

Kids Bowl!
Galaxy Bowling Center
All day

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Family Bingo
Patch Community Club
1-6pm

Carrie the Musical
Stuttgart Theatre Center 3pm

Photography Camp (SKIES)
Patch Barracks, Bldg. 2312
10-11:30am (ages 9-13)

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German Immersion (SKIES)
Patch Barracks Program
12:30pm (ages 6-12)

Soccer Training Camp (SKIES)
Panzer Fitness Center Field
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Art Camp-Artists in Training!
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10-am-12pm (ages 6-9)
2-4pm (ages 10-13)

Photography Camp (SKIES)
Patch Barracks, Bldg. 2312
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Europa Park Trip
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All day

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Carrie the Musical
Stuttgart Theatre Center 3pm

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Know Your SLO
Panzer Exchange 7-9am

Bully Proof your Kids
ACS Bldg. 12-1pm

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Patch Youth Center
3:30-5pm (grades 9-12)

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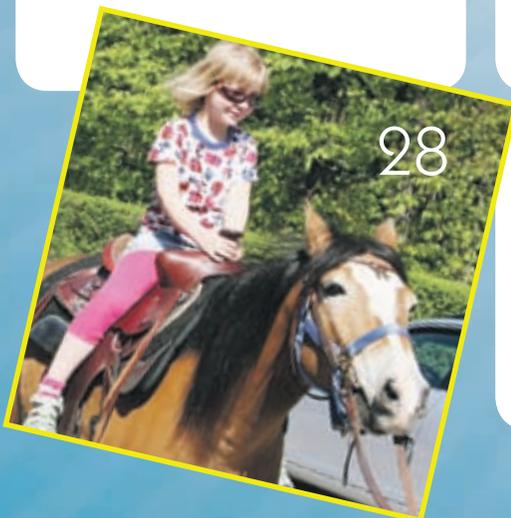
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Indoor Junior Golf Lessons-EDGE!
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Photography Camp (SKIES)
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10-11:30am (ages 9-13)
German Immersion (SKIES)
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Shopping at Ramstein
Departs from the Patch Youth Center
8:30am-6pm
Sensapolis Trip
Departs from each SAC
9am-4pm

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Indoor Junior Golf Lessons-EDGE!
Stuttgart Golf Course, Kornwestheim
1:30-2:30pm

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Indoor Junior Golf Lessons-EDGE!
Stuttgart Golf Course, Kornwestheim
1:30-2:30pm
DoDDs Re-registration
Panzer Exchange 8:30am-3:30pm

FRIDAY

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RB FUN Day!
Brewed Awakenings/RB Club
10am-2pm
Tell Me a Story
RB Brewed Awakenings/RB Club
1:30-2pm
Carrie the Musical
Stuttgart Theatre Center 7:30pm

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Panzer Fitness Center Field
10-11am (ages 5-7)
11am-12:30pm (ages 8-10)
1-2:30pm (ages 11 and up)
Carrie the Musical
Stuttgart Theatre Center 7:30pm

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Stuttgart Theatre Center 7:30pm
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Carrie the Musical
Stuttgart Theatre Center 7:30pm

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Euro Disney Express Trip
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Kids Bowl!
Galaxy Bowling Center - All day
Ductigami
RB Library, Bldg. 151
12-4pm (ages 9-14)
Carrie the Musical
Stuttgart Theatre Center 7:30pm

19
Triberg Hike
All day. Trip departs from Panzer Outdoor Recreation, Panzer, Bldg. 2953
Kids Bowl!
Galaxy Bowling Center - All day
Carrie the Musical
Stuttgart Theatre Center 7:30pm
EGG Hunt
Cooper Field, Kelley Barracks
10am

26
3 Castle Tour
All day. Trip departs from Panzer Outdoor Recreation, Panzer, Bldg. 2953
Kidz Only Flea Market
Patch Fitness Center parking lot 9am-1pm
Spring Fest
Patch YC & Fitness Center 10am-2pm
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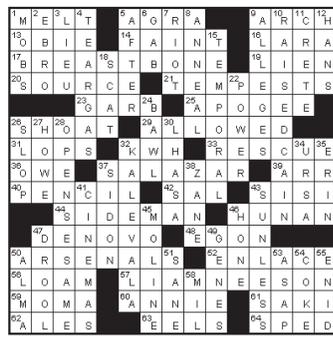
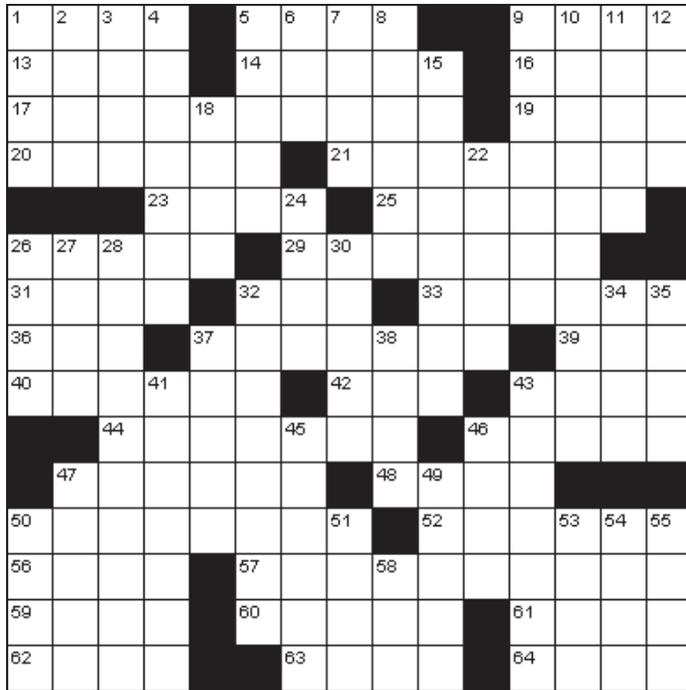
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April 26
10am - 2pm
Patch Youth Center & Fitness Center
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Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from March 20, 2014!

Courtesy of thinks.com

ACROSS

- 1 Pundit
- 5 Poet Teasdale
- 9 Abu Dhabi denizen
- 13 Alpine climber
- 14 Grip
- 16 Whig's rival
- 17 Chilean seaport
- 19 Eight in Aix
- 20 Leader of the Huns
- 21 Give out
- 23 Frolic
- 25 Walk purposefully
- 26 "Peer Gynt Suite"
- 29 Pariah
- 31 Charged particles
- 32 Actor Chaney
- 33 Offensive
- 36 Normal: Abbr.
- 37 Catch
- 39 Derisive cry
- 40 Bray
- 42 Neither Dem. nor Rep.
- 43 Big slice
- 44 Borne
- 46 Inscribed pillar
- 47 Put in order

48 Wind instrument

- 50 Fragrant flower
- 52 Up to this time, once
- 56 Native Nigerians
- 57 Spanish resort area
- 59 Sad
- 60 Outmoded anesthetic
- 61 De Mille film genre
- 62 Cream
- 63 Very beginning
- 64 Give a makeover

DOWN

- 1 The Destroyer, in Hinduism
- 2 Blind as ____
- 3 Moolah
- 4 Runs out
- 5 Buzz off
- 6 Tenn. neighbor
- 7 Foray
- 8 Aid
- 9 Unbeliever
- 10 Camelot feature
- 11 Come up
- 12 Computer data unit
- 15 Vacation mailing
- 18 Sleep like ____

- 22 Babble
- 24 Rear part of a ship
- 26 "Intolerance" actress
- 27 Repetitious learning
- 28 Unseemly
- 30 Set free
- 32 "Sons and Lovers" author
- 34 Fossil fuel
- 35 Honshu seaport
- 37 Marseille menu
- 38 Nullify
- 41 Rigid
- 43 Helmsman
- 45 Nitwits
- 46 Old World fruit tree
- 47 Black
- 49 Vandyke, e.g.
- 50 Bee Gees surname
- 51 Connors contemporary
- 53 Back of the neck
- 54 "Ars Amatoria" poet
- 55 Texas city
- 58 "Fore" site

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Baseball – Stuttgart Reds

Sun, Apr 6

Stuttgart, Stuttgart Reds Ballpark

The Stuttgart Reds will be playing against the Heidenheim Heideköpfe in Stuttgart on the 6th of April during this Bundesliga game. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this exciting match. Ticket price is €6. For more information see www.stuttgart-reds.de

EVENTS

Körperwelten

Thu, Apr 4
Munich, Kleine Olympiahalle
Gunter von Hagen presents his exhibition 'Körperwelten' (body worlds) on the 4th of April in Munich. This exhibition shows human anatomy like no other. The anatomical preparations are of real people who have donated their bodies for science. For tickets from €14 and for more information see www.koerperwelten.ausstellungssommer.de

i-Mobility motor sport fair

Thu, Apr 10 – Sun, Apr 13
Stuttgart, Messe Stuttgart
Join i-Mobility between the 10th and 13th of April in Stuttgart. This fair will explain the role of mobility in our lives. You will be able to see the important infrastructure of a vehicle and also how a hybrid and a hydrogen vehicle drives. The fair starts at 2 p.m. Entrance price is €13. For more information see www.messe-stuttgart.de

Spartan Race

Sat, Apr 12
Munich, Olympiapark
The Spartan Race will finally take place on the 12th of April in Munich. Athletes will be able to be to join this obstacle race that will offer around 15 different obstacles over a 6 kilometer trail,

including spear throwing, rope climbing and a barb wire crawl. The event starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. For more information and registration call 0221-9955830 or see the German site www.de-de.spartanrace.com/events

Backstage tour of Mamma Mia

Sat, Apr 12
Stuttgart, Palladium Theater
If you want to see the actors of Mamma Mia backstage and see all the props they use then come to the Palladium Theater in Stuttgart on the 12th of April. You will be able to see what goes on behind stage and where the actors change before the performance. Ticket price is €18.25. For more information see www.eventim.de

Bosch Historic Car Meeting

Fri, Apr 11- Sun, Apr 13
Hockenheim, Hockenheimring
If you liked the last retro car event then you won't want to miss out on this event between the 11th and 13th of April at the Hockenheimring. You will be able to see a variety of historic cars. Price for a ticket is €25. For more information see www.hockenheim-historic.de

Segway city tour

Thu, Apr 17
Stuttgart, Jugendhaus Mitte
Stuttgart's city tour on segways will be starting on April 17 at 5:30 p.m. from Jugendhaus Mitte. Experience the increasingly popular way of sightseeing

in Stuttgart. You will be passing historic places, parks, the castle and more without taking one single step. Tickets are €55. For more dates and times see www.seg-tour-stuttgart.com

Disney's Musical Tarzan

Sun, Apr 6
Stuttgart, Stage Apollo Theater
Join Tarzan on his great adventure on stage at the Stage Apollo Theater in Stuttgart starting at 7 p.m. Enjoy this dynamic and exciting show with breathtaking aerial acrobatics, fascinating lights, sound effects and costumes. This is not just a musical it's an adventure! For more information and tickets from €65.84 see www.stage-entertainment.de

Grease – The Musical

Tue, Apr 8
Stuttgart, Porsche-Arena
If you have nothing planned in the evening of the 8th of April, come to see the musical Grease in the Porsche-Arena in Stuttgart. The musical will start at 8 p.m. For ticket prices from €27.50 and more information see www.tik.cc

CONCERTS

Justin Timberlake

Sun, June 8
Frankfurt, Commerzbank-Arena
Justin Timberlake will be performing on the 8th of June in Frankfurt. During his

tour "The 20/20 Experience" the singer and actor will present his latest album. For ticket prices from €81.60 and for more information see www.eventim.de

Rock'n Heim

Fri, Aug 15 – Sun, Aug 17
Hockenheim, Hockenheimring
Get your tickets fast if you want to join one of Germany's biggest open-air festival. You will be able to see artists like Billy Talent, Placebo, Beatsteaks, The Prodigy and Outkast. For more information see www.eventim.de

SPORTS

Soccer – VfB Stuttgart

Sat, Apr 5
Stuttgart, Mercedes Benz Arena
VfB Stuttgart will be playing against SC Freiburg on the 5th of April from 3:30 p.m. Ticket price starts at €39. For more information see www.vfb.de

Porsche Tennis Grand Prix

Sat, Apr 19 – Sun, Apr 27
Stuttgart, Porsche Arena
This event is not only about seeking the title, trophies and a cash payout it is also about winning the legendary title for Porsche. Eight top ten players will be competing. The star line-up will include title-holder Maria Sharapova and Angelique Kerber. For more information see www.porsche-tennis.de

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Youth Activities

Take a look at what's going on in Stuttgart's schools.



Principal/Pirate Hammack and Asst. Principal/Pirate Foster pose with the Cat in the Hat who holds the envelope that tells how many reading beads the students at Patch Elementary School earned during Red Hot Readers Month. Will Pirate Hammack be forced to walk the plank?



Reading Pirates

Photos by Amy and Brooklyn Rush



Pirate Hammack had to walk the plank....because the students at PES earned close to 10,000 reading beads during Red Hot Readers Month. At least, 30 minutes of reading at night earned each student 1 bead. That's a lot of reading that took place in the month of March!

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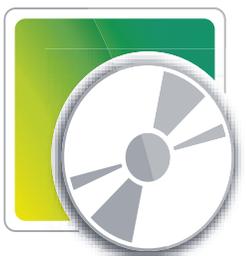
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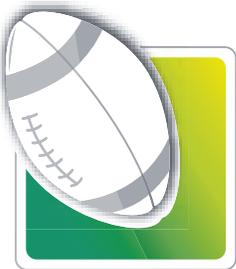


5th grade students were perplexed by the sign that school is closed due to the pirates trying to stop students from reading at PES. These students refuse to let a couple of pirates stop their learning!



Students from Mrs. Ingalls' kindergarten class are dressed as good pirates to celebrate the conclusion of the Red Hot Readers Month. A treasure map kept track of the times read. Hallways were decorated in book themes during the month. The principal, Ms. Hammack was instructed to dress like a pirate and walk the plank, if the students at Patch met the challenge. The students met their challenge.





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Crazy Hair Day

During the BEMS Spirit Week, one of the days was devoted to "crazy hair." Almost anything was a "go" for this special day. We had colorful hair, hair with balloons, hair with twist and curls. Big smiles, good friends, ribbons and bows just naturally go together to make a great photo as Caden Bass (from left), Liina Winborn, Sarah Brown and Ellie Baker prove. Just like these young ladies, everybody had a great "crazy hair" day and can hardly wait until next year's Spirit Week.

Photo by Dan L'Esperance



Fingerprinting

The BEMS kindergarten students in Ms. Erickson's class are studying the letter "F." A good demonstration is just the right learning experience to help reinforce a word and its meaning. To help prove this point, Ms. Erickson invited the local authorities (our Military Police) to her class to demonstrate the science of "fingerprinting." The students learned that to get good "prints" you have to hold your fingers very still. What a shock it was to discover that no two fingerprints are the same! In this photo we see Mr. Darrell Robertson, a Military Police Investigator, taking the fingerprints of Angelina Garcia.

Photo by Holly Erickson



Crazy Socks

It's spirit week at BEMS. Every day is devoted to a different theme and Wednesday was "crazy socks" day. And, as you can see there were lots of crazy sock being worn by the students in Ms. Jonsson's second grade class. There were lots of colors, stripes, plaids and everybody had a wonderful day.

Showing off their "crazy socks" in this photo are from left Sarah Kennedy, Ava Boehmer, Megan Hasenyager, Michelle Cloud. It's a shame we didn't have a bigger camera because almost everyone had on "crazy socks". Spirit Week is promoted by the BEMS Student Council which is sponsored by Ms. Trudy Mertens.

Photo by Ed Thornburg



Philosophical Debate

On March 20th AVID students participated in a Philosophical Chair debate, where they discussed whether they agreed or disagreed on important issues, ranging from religion in schools to the right to carry a concealed handgun in public. In this picture we see BEMS 7th graders from Ms. Krunich AVID class Zach Webb and Janis Zelcs.

Photo by Valerie Krunich



Getting Ready

Bailey Coburn and Hannah Allen share newly found research for their team's upcoming debate. They will be arguing, "Should students be able to bring in and use technology such as e-readers, iPads, and laptops to school?"

Photo by Ed Thornburg

Take a look at what's going on in Stuttgart's schools.

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Music in our Schools Month

Since 1985, March has been filled with sound as music in our schools is celebrated around the nation. Sponsored by the National Association for Music Education, the event focuses the nation's attention on the need for and benefits of quality music education programs. This year's theme is "Music Education - Orchestrating Success." On Thursday, 27 March, the USAF Brass Quintet performed for the students and staff of BEMS. The music was magical and the question and answer session was very educational.

Photos by Ed Thornburg



Pajama Day

Pajama day is always a big part of every "Spirit Week" and this year was certainly no exception. This day is enjoyed very much because our students get to "loungue around" in comfortable house shoes and soft and fluffy pajamas. Students Misha Ortiz, Louisa Lane, Cassie Bender, Kamila Gonzalez, Emma Harcrow and Katelyn Philpot in Ms. Sipes' 2nd grade class at BEMS are having fun while learning.

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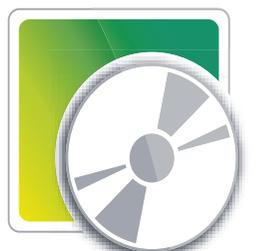
BEMS 7th graders Anna Bustamante and Sarah Tabet, posing with the master of the French Horn, Senior Airman Matthew E. Kirkpatrick.



Art Reward

BEMS student Sydney Smith from Mr. L'Esperance's Creative Thinking class was recently awarded this original German landscape oil painting from his art collection. Students from Mr. L'Esperance's classes were given the opportunity to write a persuasive letter convincing a judge why this painting was so special. Miss Smith's letter was selected as the winner, leaving little doubt that her experience as a landscape artist had provided her inspiration in this creative project.

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